Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph **[0018]** as follows:

[0018] A semi-schematic perspective view of a protective needle clip provided in accordance with aspects of the present is shown in FIG. 1, which is generally designated 10. In one exemplary embodiment, the protective needle clip 10 (herein "needle clip" or "safety clip") may be a unitary construction needle clip comprising three needle engaging arms 12, 14, 16 with each arm comprising a generally circular opening 20a, 20b, 20c. Viewing from the right side to the left side of the needle clip 10, the engaging arms may be referred to as the first engaging arm 12, the second engaging arm 16, which flows directly from the first engaging arm 12, and the third engaging arm 14, which flows directly from the second engaging arm, i.e., 12- first, 16 - second, 14 - third. However, for purposes of the following disclosure, the sequence 12 - first, 14 - second, 16- third is used to designate the first arm 12, the second arm 14, and the third arm 16 with the latter sequence, 12, 16, 14, being considered equivalent. The first needle engaging arm 12 is a distal most arm comprising a finger 18 extending at an angle therefrom and a first opening 20a located thereon. The first engaging arm 12 is configured to shield a needle tip to prevent accidental contact therewith, as further discussed below. The figures are shown with both labeling sequence types, with the first sequence 12, 16, 14 being shown in parenthesis. Under both sequence types, an arm is disposed in between two serially connected arm sections.